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1. The following paragraphs are examples of the system adopted by the SED and the Russians in the communization of universities in the Eastern Zone, as typified by the case of Jena University.
2. In the summer of 1948, the university instructors belonging to the SED decided that the second phase in the seizing of power of the University of Jena by the SED should begin. The plan was discussed with the appropriate office of the SMA, with the result that Major General Ivan S. Kolesnitschenko, SMA, ordered the SED Landesleitung to set up a Referat for University affairs which is to have the final authority in all University matters.
3. It should, however, be disguised in order to avoid raising protest from the other political parties.
4. The implementation of this order was carried out in various phases:
 - a) The SED Landesleitung set up the Referat headed by Stadler (fmu), a 25-year old student, former Hitler Jugend member, now studying sociology (Gesellschaftswissenschaft) at the University. The Referat has instructions, for the time being, only to control, register and supply information.
 - b) A special personnel office was set up in the Curator's Office (Kuratell-geschäftsstelle) without the Senate being informed, but with the knowledge of the Dean. It is headed by Hans Schiller, former Chairman of the Denazification Commission. Schiller fought with the Communists in Spain and is a high functionary of the SED. Within three months, this personnel office was to (and has, in fact) become the deciding authority in all University matters of personnel, finance and constitution. This personnel office comes directly under the Landesleitung and is in close daily contact with the MVD.
 - c) Meanwhile, Stahnke (fmu), a faithful Communist, was infiltrated into the Administration of the Curator's Office (Kuratellverwaltung) to direct the SED groups in the University.
 - d) The Commission for the admission of new students was turned into a purely Communist instrument. Formerly, the Commission consisted of professors, students, and representatives of the various parties; now, the professors only have representatives on the Commission who are referred to, not as a matter of principle, but only as the occasion arises. The Chairman is Oppermann (fmu). He alone makes the final decision on admissions to the

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University and works in close contact with the SED Landesleitung, the MVD and the educational officer on the staff of General Kolesnitschenko.

- e) The supply office which allocates materials, etc, to the various institutes in accordance with SED instructions, supports the personnel office.
- f) The allocation of scholarships to the individual Faculties is done purely on a party basis, depending on the number of SED students in the Faculty. SED functionaries must be given scholarships. The full quota of scholarships must be given to the Sociology department (Gesellschaftswissenschaft) and the students of this Faculty may not leave it for another, as they are the future employees and officials of the Civil Service.
- g) The Faculties are advised as to who is acceptable for the post of Dean; free election by the staff is not authorised. The choice of Rector is made on orders of the SED and Russians who call the individual Faculties in, one by one, and force each individual professor to give his vote to the Russian candidate. Schwarz (fnu) was elected in this way.
- h) Among the SED student groups, 60 SED students had been formed into a cadre, formerly under the direction of the Minister of Culture Walter Wolff, then Brummer, then Professor Lindemann, and now under Professor George Schneider, who was trained in Moscow. They get special pay, ration cards, and special food supplies. They are trained systematically by leading Communists for the purpose of giving political instruction in the University.

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